



## Robert J. Collia, Sr.

March 6, 1945 - December 9, 2018

Robert Joseph Collia, Sr. lifelong resident of Sault Sainte Marie passed away on the afternoon of December 9th 2018 surrounded by family in his home at the age of 73. He was born to Louis and Mary Collia on March 6th, 1945. Bob was a career businessman in town including owning Ideal Sales, Riverside Mobile Home Park, and Soo Locks Campground to name a few. Bob was a lifetime member of the Christopher Columbus Hall. He dedicated his time to the class of 63 reunion committee also the Fundraising Committee for the Pullar Renovation Project in 2015. Anyone who knew Bob knew of his love for collecting cars and going to car shows. Bob enjoyed spending time at his cabin in Brimley during the summer months. Bob is survived by Wife Helen Berry Collia, Sons Robert (Misti) Collia Jr & Jeff Collia of Sault Sainte Marie, Sisters Gloria Askin of Virginia, MaryLou (Bill) Jenkins of Tennessee & Debbie (Gary) Shannon of Traverse City. Grandchildren Joel Collia, Danielle Arbic, Garrett Peyton, Madelyn Collia, Dalton Payton, Josh Collia, Zach Collia, Amya Collia & Macy Collia, Great Grandchildren Anthony, Aiden, Owen, Viola, Abel, & Luella. Many Nieces and Nephews. Bob is predeceased by his Father Louis Collia, Mother Mary Collia Infant Sister Natalie Collia, Sister Josephine (Francis) Gillespe, Brother Jim Collia Brother in-law Peter Askin & Daughter Nicole Collia Peyton-Crane. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, December 17, 2018 at St. Mary's ProCathedral Church, 320 East Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 am at St. Mary's ProCathedral Church prior to the Mass. Following

the Mass there will be a Luncheon at The Christopher Columbus Hall. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's Catholic ProCathedral Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com](http://www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert J. Collia, Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Robert J. Collia, Sr.*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Robert J. Collia, Sr.*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Helen, Been praying for all of you since I left the Soo in September. I just found the notice of Bob's passing. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. God Bless. Rita from Georgia*

**Rita Carleski** - December 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God give you strength at this time of your loss of Bob. We had him in our prayers. Good Bless Martin & Ruth*

**Martin & Ruth Smolarz** - December 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bob has been a life long friend, he will be truly missed at the cabin up on lake shore drive "Brimley". Our condolences to the family.*

**Ken and Sue Feldman** - December 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ To the Family of Bob Collia: My sincerest sympathies to your family on Bob's death. I knew him for many years and mainly from our time at the Christopher Columbus Hall. Bob was a very dedicated member of the Hall and truly loved his Italian heritage. Your family will be in my prayers during the coming days. Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life..." and He also said: "I am the Resurrection and the Life." May these words bring hope and peace to you. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him...Amen...

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**Rev. Fr. Ben J. Paris** - December 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Helen. Bob will surely be missed by many.

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**Linda Cook** - December 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Bob was one of my favorite customers at the Secretary of State...my condolences to the family....

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**Judy Wilke** - December 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ We're so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Our condolences to the family. We always enjoyed a good conversation with Bob.

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**Rich and Linda Dalimonte** - December 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Dear Aunt Helen and family, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Bob. Please know you have been on our thoughts and in prayers since hearing about your loss. Sending Hugs and we will be at the funeral on Monday.

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**Kirk & Terrie Warren** - December 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Collia family. Kent especially bonded with Bob & their love of cars. We will both miss him at camp and our conversations with him throughout the year. Hugs to all!

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**Kent & Cheryl Cooper** - December 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Helen and Family My condolences. Very Sad. In my prayers.

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**Joe Trudeau** - December 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ GARDEN PATH was sent by Jim Blain. Bob was a good friend of mine. You're in my thoughts and prayers, Jim Blain

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**Jim Blain** - December 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ We were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We have you all in our thoughts and prayers

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**Marty and Jackie Hornacek** - December 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Very saddened to hear about Bob's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family.*

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**Steve & Diane McLeod** - December 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *My Thoughts and Prayers are with the entire Collia family. I'm so so sorry to hear of Bob's passing.*

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**Roberta Lackey** - December 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Our thoughts are with you, Helen, and your family. We will truly miss Bob. We will miss the great stories of the Soo & U.P. as well as our classic car conversations. Thurlow & Katie Pierce And family*

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**Thurlow & Katie Pierce** - December 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM